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To: Local Homeland Security Grant Points of Contact

From: Richard M. Flynn, Commissioner of Safety

Re: Approval of Homeland I Local Grants for FY 2003

I am pleased to communicate that Governor Benson and the Executive Council approved the Round I of Homeland Security grants on June 25. The grant award amount for this round of funding was allocated based upon population and the individual grant amount per municipality are listed on the NH Department of Safety website: <http://webster.state.nh.us/safety/index.html>. There is a link for 2003 Homeland Security Grants with extensive information that will assist you in understanding the program. At this site you will also find:

- application information and forms that must be used to apply for these funds,
- the information for the Fisher Safety on-line procurement process,

By July 1 applications will begin to be accepted and processed. Municipalities will be able to choose their own local procurement process to secure eligible equipment. If this process is selected, reimbursement to municipalities will be made after purchases and applications are completed at the local level. These materials will then be submitted for approval to the Department of Safety Grant Coordinator, Pam Urban-Morin and she will forward them to U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Applications may be secured through our website and through the jastephen@safety.state.nh.us e-mail address.

If a municipality chooses to use the Fisher Safety on-line procurement system: www.fishersafety.com, an abbreviated application must be forwarded to the Department of Safety in tandem with purchasing from the Fisher Safety on-line catalog. Using the on-line procurement catalog will allow municipalities to forgo using local funds to make purchases "up-front" and then seek reimbursement. Under this process the NH Department of Safety will pay the cost of eligible purchases directly through the U.S. Department of Defense competitively bid contract awarded to Fisher Safety.

Please remember that the State Grant Coordinator then must forward local requests to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C. for final grant eligibility approval. We will work hard to make this process as expeditious as possible for our local governments.

We look forward to working with all of you through the Homeland I grant process. We will be in touch with everyone very shortly regarding the Homeland Grant II (supplemental grants) process. We are applying to the Department of Homeland Security and awaiting final approvals of our allocations. We anticipate this approval in mid to late July. We will be in contact with all municipalities at that time with further application information for the Homeland II grant awards.